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### **FOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS IN VIOLATION OF DISCLOSURE LAW**

**Olympia** – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Mike Connelly, found four local elected officials in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Tuesday in Olympia.

At the afternoon hearings the following individuals were found in violation of the Public Disclosure Act for failure to file statements of Personal Financial Affairs and were assessed civil penalties:

**William Boyce**, School Director for the Kent School District No. 415, was found in violation of state law for failure to timely file the annual statement of Personal Financial Affairs. Boyce, who has two prior violations for which he was fined (1999 for \$200 and 2001 for \$250), was assessed a penalty of \$450.

**Patricia Medveckus**, Commissioner for the Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District, was found in violation of state law for failure to file the annual statement of Personal Financial Affairs. Medveckus, who has two prior violations with a combined total fine of \$750 was assessed a penalty of \$500 after repeated attempts by PDC staff and the Attorney General's Office to contact her about her obligation to file the annual report and pay past penalties.

**James Sayce**, School Director for the Ocean Beach School District No. 101, was found in violation of state law for failure to file the annual statement of Personal Financial Affairs. Sayce has two prior violations and was assessed a penalty of \$450. That amount includes \$100 penalty assessed in 2000 that was suspended on the condition of no future violations.

**Joe Wheeler**, City Council Member for the City of Kelso, was found in violation of state law by failing to timely file the annual statement of Personal Financial Affairs. Wheeler, who paid fines in 1998 and 2000 for similar violations, was assessed a penalty of \$300.

Connelly said he was disappointed that these elected officials were brought before the Commission in an enforcement setting.

"The PDC staff bends over backwards to get elected officials to comply with the law," Connelly said. "They had every opportunity to file the required reports before this hearing, but they chose not to file and now have to pay the price."

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